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## Rail Road Time Cards

**A. T. & S. F.**  
On and after January 9th, 1887, trains leave Great Bend as follows, viz:

GOING EAST	
No. 4, Atlantic express	4:59 a. m.
No. 8, Eastern Express	5:01 p. m.
No. 6, New York Express	5:55 a. m.
No. 42, way freight	1:07 p. m.
No. 44, "	3:00 p. m.
GOING WEST	
No. 3, California and New Mexico Ex.	10:10 p. m.
No. 7, Colorado and Utah Express	11:04 a. m.
No. 5, Denver Express	10:00 p. m.
No. 41, way freight	10:14 a. m.
GREAT BEND WAY FREIGHT	
Arrives from east	12:15 p. m.
Departs for east	3:30 p. m.

**C. K. & W.**  
Express, 11:10 a. m.  
Freight, 5:00 a. m.  
Express, 4:45 p. m.  
Freight, 10:00 p. m.  
All trains daily except Sunday.  
W. TURKEY, Agent.

**Mo. Pacific.**  
ARRIVES  
St. Louis Express, 12:45 a. m.  
Colorado Express, 7:10 a. m.  
DEPARTS  
St. Louis Express, 5:30 a. m.  
Colorado Express, 11:00 p. m.  
All trains daily.  
E. W. WAYNANT, Agent.

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**F. LIGHTFOOT,**  
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Headquarters at Allen's Drug Store.

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all night.  
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**HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS.**  
**Typewriter House,**  
Terms reasonable. Good sample  
room for commercial men.  
East Side Square,  
GREAT BEND, - - KANSAS

**Valley House,**  
N. R. HOLMES, Prop.  
Near depot. Best accommodations  
in the city. Transient \$1.50 per day;  
by week \$4. A good feed stable in  
connection.

**FRENCH**  
**Restaurant,**  
JOE TROILLET, Proprietor.  
Meals at all hours. Fine French  
cuisine, fresh fruits and cigars.

COAL! coal! is beginning to be an eastern cry already.

"DE LORD help de rich in dese days of trouble; de poor knows how to take care of demselves.

EIGHTY-EIGHT is woman's year, and duty then requires we step aside and let the dears get up and build the fires. —Winfield Courier.

THE KICKER—He wouldn't when he should and he would when he shouldn't; he couldn't when he would, and he would when he couldn't.

McPHERSON is organizing a stock company to bore for natural gas. The plan is for the company to put up \$5,000 and the city subscribe \$2,000.

The Chase Record appears this week under the proprietorship of Mr. R. T. Specht. The paper is well edited, neatly printed, and gives promise of continued improvement.

THE European war cloud appears to have already cleared away. With all the bluster and braggadocio of that country it is inclined to "make haste slowly" when going into war.

HOW MANY of you who "turned over a new leaf" on New Year's day forgot to gum it down, and now find that the blamed thing has flopped back and the lines read same as they did in 1887?

A MAN procured some whisky from a druggist yesterday by making affidavit that he wanted it for a mechanical purpose, that of "soaking roots." He probably meant the roots of tongues.

A FINE and lustrous polish for cabinet work is said to consist of half a pint of linseed oil, half pint of ale, the white of an egg and one ounce of spirits of salt. Shake well before using—and don't let the husband know that there is that much ale in the house.

IT is said there is a giantess in Japan who, though only 12 years old, stands eight feet high and weighs 270 pounds. When she is about for years older—sweet sixteen—jud larger in proportion to her increased age, how quick she could snatch the fellow bald headed who did not like the color of her hair.

NOW LOOK OUT for an exodus from Wichita. The claim is made that the town is without liquor stronger than Arkansas water, and if such is the case there will be great scattering of the larger portion of her population. Our grand jury will soon be in session, and therefore this city will not bid for the exodusters.

THE Salina Journal says large capital has been hanging about Salina trying to get a monopoly of the gypsum bearing lands of that neighborhood, and that before long they will have stecco works, kalsomining companies, whitewash trusts and alabastine combination as thick as buffalo gnats on a crippled steer.

THE twelfth annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society will be held in the hall of the house of representatives, at Topeka, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 17th, 1888. Members of the board of directors will be elected, and other business transacted. Brief addresses, pertaining to subjects of Kansas history, will be delivered. The public are invited to attend.

IF YOU know a good man in the east who will be interested in learning something about Kansas in general and Great Bend in particular call at this office and have a copy of the DEMOCRAT sent to him. You may thus, with a slight effort on your part, be influential in bringing him out to this country and he may again become your neighbor as well as your friend.

SOME people may want to know where the Kansas Congressmen are housed, in Washington. From an exchange we get the following: "E. N. Morrill, 821 13th street, northwest; E. H. Funston, 005 13th street, northwest; B. W. Perkins, Hamilton House; Thomas Ryan, National Hotel; John A. Anderson, 1333 G. street, northwest; E. J. Turner, 1513 Fifth street, northwest; S. R. Peters, Ebbitt House."

WE BELIEVE the board of commissioners were in error in not taking some action in regard to the unjust and unequal valuation claimed by property owners in the Lafayette and Riverside additions. In one or two instances we doubt if the property could be sold at forced sale for the amount of the taxes. There are serious doubts about the legality of the re-fixing of valuations by the assessor this year, and the matter may yet get into the courts.

## Cleveland vs. Blaine.

The winds are piercing cold and the people go shivering about their daily avocations. The rich ones are fortunate in being clad in seal skins and beaver and chinchilla. The majority, however, are not able to buy these and are glad to invest themselves in the commonest fabrics while the poor can not afford even these. What a god send it would be then to make these common fabrics so cheap that all could buy them and be protected from the chilly blasts of winter. But how is it?

Mr. Cleveland and the democrats say, put the common necessities of life, such as food and clothing on the free list, and tax tobacco and all other luxuries to raise ample revenues to run the government economically.

Mr. Blaine and the republicans say no, keep the tax as it is on food and clothing and lift it off of internal revenue articles, such as whisky and tobacco.

This means tax the poor man's sugar 80 per cent.

Tax the poor man's rice 112 per cent.

Tax the poor man's salt 83 per cent.

Tax potatoes 45 per cent.

Tax the poor woman's cheap woolen dress goods 71 per cent.

Tax the poor men's common cloth 91 per cent.

Tax on woolen hosiery, 70 per cent.

Tax on flannels, 72 per cent.

Tax on common shawls, 87 per cent.

Tax on window glass, 86 per cent.

Let the poor laborer as he goes shivering to his work to-day, think on these things. Does he want Republicanism and cold and hunger, or Democracy and cheap clothing and food for warmth and comfort?—Exchange.

## On The Move.

THE Abilene Gazette opens up a Capital removing question this morning in good shape. It assumes that the chief issue upon which the members of the Legislature from the central and west-portion of Kansas will be elected this fall will be the removal of the State Capital. As to its location, the Gazette asserts that "it may be Lyons, or McPherson, or Salina, or Ellsworth, or Abilene or some other equally good town." The Gazette urges that the first thing is, to agree upon its removal. The following suggestions are made in support of its position:

We are for capital removal and we will fight it out on that line if it takes all summer.

Let the press of central and western Kansas wheel into line on the capital removal question.

First decide the question of removal and then select the exact point for the location of the new state capital.

Let every member of the next legislature elected from central and western Kansas be thoroughly instructed on capital removal.

Abilene, Salina, McPherson, Lyons or Ellsworth, all good points for the location of the state capital.

The Iowa state capital was removed from Iowa City to the center of the state, Des Moines. The Kansas state capital should be removed from the northeastern corner of the state to a more central location.—Salina Journal.

WE DON'T see why the above is not worthy of consideration; and we will think much better of it if Great Bend is added to the list of eligible cities. The state capital should be located at or near the center of the state. This will be done sometime in Kansas, and the only way it can be done is by working for it. Great Bend, the capital of the grandest state in the Union! Stranger things have happened.

## Every Man Gets a Slice.

Out in Ness county the citizens and people generally are all worked up over the interpretation of a law passed at the last meeting of the state legislature which declares all section lines in that as well as in several other counties public highways, sixty feet wide. The settlers in Ness claim that all such lines as are not fenced are open to travel and therefore are putting in their claims for damages—at \$10 an acre, which the law allows—to the board of county commissioners. The commissioners began allowing the claims, but were enjoined by the county attorney, and the question will probably go to the higher courts. If one is entitled to damages all are, and if all such damages were paid it would be an item of \$100,000 or so to be paid out to the people, in scrip, and collected from them again in taxes.

## Company Organized.

THE "Pawnee Rock Fuel Co." has been organized and will be chartered soon, with a capital stock of \$50,000. The Leader states that money sufficient to bore 3,000 feet is already subscribed, and that the drill will be at work in sixty days. If Pawnee Rock should go ahead with their enterprise, and by a lucky chance (and the chances are not so uncertain as might be imagined) should strike natural gas, salt, coal, or some other valuable mineral, it would be a great sham on the Great Bend company which has been dilly-dallying for so long.

## A PAIR of twins—protection and penury.

A NUMBER of weather prophets have predicted plenty of rain during January, and as that would be the "proper caper" all around we say, let it pour.

WITHOUT a doubt the smallpox has broken out in Wichita, and it behooves us to be careful of our diet and habits, use such precautions as are necessary to prevent an outbreak here.

MASTER, to an east side young man: "Young man, do you realize when you retire at night that you are liable to be called before the morning dawns?" "Yes, sir! O yes! I have spoken to the doctor, and am prepared." And the work on the new school house still goes on.

A TRAMP attempted to jump from the "blind baggage" on a Santa Fe train, at Sterling, Friday last, when he fell under the moving train and had one leg so mangled that it had to be taken off at the knee, and the man is now being cared for by the county authorities of Rice county.

STERLING'S new democratic paper, the Arkansas Valley Times, dropped in upon us Sunday morning with its first issue. Rev. J. N. Barbee is local editor, and the initial number of the paper promises for it a life of usefulness in its county and among its constituents. Messrs. W. J. A. Montgomery, and Lee W. Arnold are associated with Rev. Barbee in the publication.

IT HAS been said that the fumes of a kerosene lamp, turned low and left burning all night, is a cause of diphtheria. Many people practice this habit, especially during the winter months, and that is the time of the year when the dread disease spoken of is most prevalent; it will be well to inform yourself on the truthfulness of the above assertion.

THE Memphis Appeal puts it in this light: Where the rich pay \$10,000 for imported goods the mass of the people pay \$50,000 for protection of home made goods. In other words, where the rich pay \$10,000 to the foreign manufacturer, the people pay \$50,000 of tribute to the home manufacturer; and this \$50,000 is nearly all perquisites—very little of it being shared with the workmen or laborer, and none of it with the farmer.

IT is a fact that three out of five voters in any and all states in the Union admit that Mr. Cleveland will succeed himself as president. It speaks volumes for his popularity and worth and for the successful administration given the people by the democratic party. A year ago the politicians were heaping every possible abuse on the president but at last they have aroused to the fact that he was right and themselves wrong.

"OUR DOUBTS are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt." We oft hang back reluctantly and fear to take steps into the vague uncertainty, when each experience of the past points to a favorable ending of the move we contemplate. We reason from the past and calculate upon the future, and though to our minds there comes no reasonable cause for defeat or failure in a contemplated action, the traitor, "doubt," puts in a whisper, and we lose the chance and forfeit the opportunity.

T. B. MURDOCK, who was stricken blind two weeks ago, has suspended the publication of the Daily Republican for the present and will go to Philadelphia for treatment. We sincerely regret this sad misfortune to Butler county's oldest and most talented writer and the pioneer publisher of the southwest, having founded the Walnut Valley Times in January, 1870, when there was not a paper in the state, south or west of El Dorado. We hope that he may recover his sight and return soon to continue the life work to which he is so well adapted.—Ez.

THE sympathy of the entire press of the state is with Mr. Murdock, and we sincerely hope his affliction is only temporary.

IT is now pretty accurately determined that the preposterous stories that have been going the rounds of the eastern press concerning deaths by freezing and starvation in Kansas, had their start in the sensational town of Wichita. Most of the dispatches to eastern papers were sent from that town. The object evidently was to get a little more of the cheap notoriety in which that town abounds, but when the whole state is made to suffer through such lying misrepresentation it is about time that the Wichita sensationalists were choked off. Shame upon them!

The world would be better if we could know ourselves as thoroughly as others know us. And keep in memory the debts we owe. As constantly as those which others owe us. —Boston Courier.

WE HAVE a private letter from Wichita, which states that there are several cases of smallpox in the city, and considerable fear is manifested in regard to the spread of that epidemic disease.—Arkansas Valley Democrat.

CONSIDERABLE speculation is going on about what the grand jury will do. Without a doubt there is work for it, and the sooner such work is commenced and some of the existing crookedness straightened out the better it will be for the town and county.

IN Caddo Parish, La., recently, a negro was found hanging dead. The coroner's jury rendered the following verdict:

The said Aaron Jones came to his death by strangulation, by having one end of a rope tied around his neck, the other end of the same rope around the limb of a Chinaberry tree about twelve feet above the ground, and the body suspended about two and one-half feet above the ground, hanging dead.

Whether the rope or the tree was responsible for the occurrence, the jury omitted to state.—Salina Journal.

SAM JONES is again laboring with Kansas City's wickedness. Any good he may do there should have double credit on the great book—once for Missouri and once for the wickedest city in the west. Sam is striking where the ticks count, as it will appear from the following extract from a recent sermon:

"Now I don't know who your Mayor is, and for my purposes don't care. I haven't heard any talk of city officials since I came here. But you can never run a city on the Ten Commandments while your officers are in partnership with the devil. Some say that I'm reflecting on the Mayor and city officials. It's this way: I have a wholesale shoe shop. Come in and get all the shoes you want. They're my shoes. It's their fit. See? You say Sam Jones is not preaching; he's making a political speech. That's what you need—politics reformed. There's enough hell right around here to damn any convert if left alone. If the devil should die there are 1,000 men in this city who would pick out any day, and any one would make a first-class devil. Do I believe there are any good people here? Yes, but they're in a small minority."

## A Herd of Buffalo.

IT was thought that the last buffalo ever to be seen on Kansas soil were those now owned and kept in a pasture by C. J. Jones, of Garden City, but on the morning of the 20th, a herd of sixty buffaloes crossed the Kansas line from No-Man's-Land into the southwestern part of Morton county. J. W. Kitchell, a homesteader, was the first to see them. William Wilson, Chas. Kell, Frank Tuttle and Park Crawford four young men mounted their horses and pursued the herd. Nothing has been heard of the party since they left but they are expected back soon. A prairie fire had driven the animals nearer the habitations of man than they are wont to go.—Ez.

## Ellinwood Items.

From the Express.  
Will Steckle, we are sorry to learn, is very sick with diphtheria.

There is a great deal of sickness in and around the city at present.

The prospects for a large wheat crop, so the farmers tell us, were never better at this time of the year.

Rev. Finley is conducting a large revival at the Fletcher school house five miles east of this city.

Another Kansan took up his residence with Mr. and Mrs. Patridge on the 29th inst. Full weight according to the Kansas rule.

Miss Katie Day, of Great Bend, came down on Sunday evening to take charge of her school a few miles from this city.

A bouncing young lady made her appearance at the residence of John Komark on Friday last. At last accounts all were doing well.

A protracted meeting will commence in the Presbyterian church on Sunday, January 15. Prepare yourself, and begin the new year by living as near right as you possibly can.

Mr. Mangelsdorf was presented with an elegant \$20 gold headed cane of New Year's mornning by his clerks, Messrs. John Schwerdtfeger, Nick Sprinker, F. Strothman and Otto Schwerdtfeger.

The Ellinwood Nurseries are receiving a large number of orders for the spring planting. This speaks well for our home nursery, and our farmers are beginning to realize the fact that home grown trees are the best and the cheapest.

## CHAFF.

A spanking team: A pair of nurses.

Water—A clear fluid, once used as a drink.

If told to take a "back seat," one will invariably take affront.

State's Evidence—A wretch who is pardoned for being baser than his comrades.

"Dress does not make the man," but it makes the woman—supremely happy.

The man who wants the earth, my son, is the very man the earth doesn't want.—Burdette.

Somewow men seem to enjoy it when their tailors give them fits.—Detroit Free Press.

The hardest train to catch, after it gets started: A train of gunpowder.—Detroit Free Press.

Teacher: "An engineer is one who works an engine."—Pupil: "Is a pioneer one who works a piano?"

Even fishermen who wouldn't steal are always ready to hook something, if they get a chance.

## Correspondence.

TO THE DEMOCRAT: RED WING, KANSAS, Jan. 7, 1888.

A blizzard is on the program. A very satisfactory examination was held at the Redwing school yesterday, the report of which was communicated to the County Superintendent.

The question: "Resolved, that the tariff should be abolished from the United States—or one of like import—is to be discussed at the Redwing Lyceum next Thursday.

"The end of a division" talk has quieted down.

H. C. BENKE.

## He Knew His Son.

A tall Missourian called at the district school, and, eyeing the teacher, sternly, said:

"My boy, Henery, tells me you whipped him last evening."

"Yes," assented the teacher, edging toward the door, "but he deserved it I assure you."

"And he said you used a rawhide on him!"

"Yes, sir, but—"

"And you slapped him with your hand as well?"

"I did, but I assure you—"

"Assure nothin.' Let me give you a pointer. When you have to punish that boy use a club; he don't care a darn for rawhides."—Nebraska State Journal.

## Brudner Gardner's Advice.

"Remember, dat a lawyer will work harder to clear a murderer dan he will to convict a thief.

"Remember, dat de naybur who offers you de loan of his hoe am fishin' round to secure de loan of your wheel-barrar.

"Remember, dat you can't judge of de home happiness of a man an' wife by seein' 'em at a Sunday skule picnic.

"Remember, dat while de average man will return de k'rect change in a business transackshun, he'll water his milk an' mix beans wid his coffee.

"Remember, dat all de negatives of de best photographs am retouched an' de wrinkles an' freckles worked out.

"Remember, dat society am made up of good clothes, hungry stomachs, deception, heartaches and mixed grammar.

Though six attempts have been made during the past five years to abolish the use of corsets at Vassar college the dear girls still cling to them with girlish adhesiveness.

A Pennsylvania paper sees an advertisement for "a boy to do heavy work" and comments that "boys who would be caught by an advertisement like that are very scarce in that section."

"Any thing new or fresh this morn'ing?" a reporter asked in a railroad office. "Yes," replied the lone occupant of the department. "What is it?" queried the reporter, whipping out his note book. Said the railroad man edging toward the door: "That point you are leaning against." The railroad man is now in the hospital, and the reporter is in jail.